

# 2020 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE

## LOWELL

Funded Partners: Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, MassHire Lowell Career Center, Lowell Community Health Center, Lowell High School, Lowell Parks and Recreation, Lowell Police Department, UTEC, West End Gym, and YWCA

Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research, the Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years.

### Strategies, Outcomes, and Funding Allocation\*

Total Funding: \$634,862

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
<b>Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention</b>	<b>34</b> Received Case Management Services	<b>35</b> Successfully Referred to Employment, Mental Health and Youth Development Services	<b>\$54,413</b>
<b>Community Mobilization</b>	<b>250</b> Community Members Attended Events, Meetings & Presentations	<b>12</b> Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	<b>\$100,216</b>
<b>Education &amp; Employment</b>	<b>169</b> Participated in Education Programs	<b>299</b> Participated in Employment Programs	<b>\$181,082</b>
<b>Positive Youth Development &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>774</b> Participated in Youth Development Programs	<b>523</b> Developed Leadership Skills	<b>\$148,828</b>
<b>Suppression</b>	<b>434</b> Hot Spot Patrols Completed	<b>20</b> Arrests of High-Impact Players	<b>\$150,323</b>

\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Shannon CSI programs may have adjusted programming options (e.g., reduced numbers served to meet restrictions, remote programming) and/or shifted funding allocations.

### Youth Risk Assessments

28% LOW-RISK*	Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
12% MODERATE-RISK*	Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
60% HIGH-RISK*	Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

\* % of youth assessed for risk; responses in risk assessment may have been impacted by changes in context due to COVID-19 pandemic.

### Success Highlight

*"One of our participants was able to continue his work at a worksite placement that he began pre-COVID under a different grant. This helped to keep him focused and busy instead of out and about with friends. His placement was at a local small business which ended up helping that business stay afloat during these times."*  
~MassHire Lowell Career Center

# Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Lowell

Total Population (2019 Estimate)	6,892,503	110,997
Population Lives in Poverty	9.4%	20.7%
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	10.3%
Total School Population (2019-20)	983,058	17,704
Economically Disadvantaged	36.6%	63.3%
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	3.7%

Sources: [www.census.gov/quickfacts](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts); [profiles.doe.mass.edu/](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/); [www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/](http://www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/)

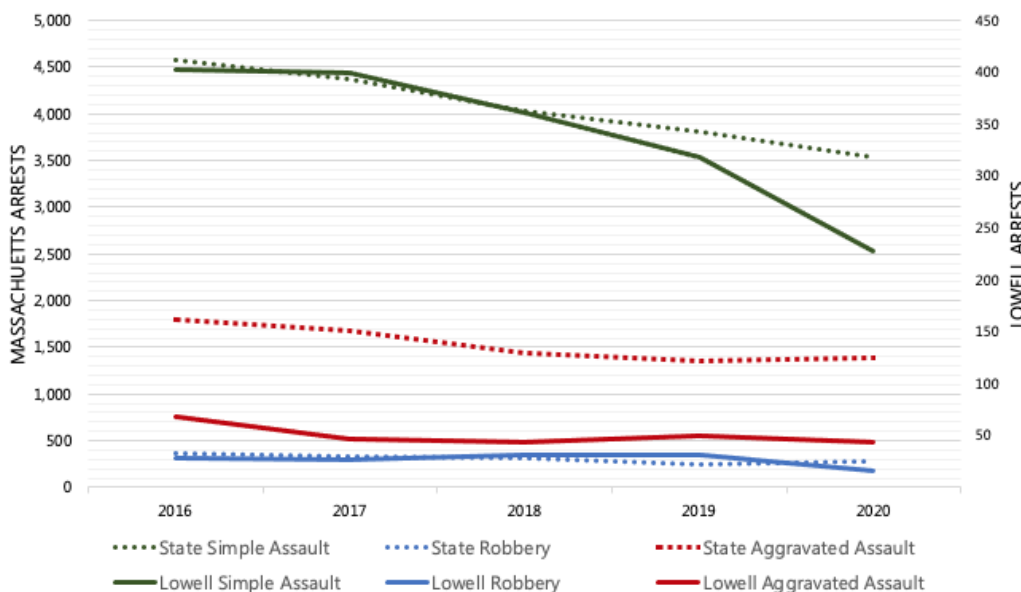
## Gang Activity in Lowell

16  
Street Gangs

53%  
Gang Members  
Under 25

In 2020, the Lowell Police Department's Crime Analysis and Intelligence Unit confirmed 16 active gangs consisting of approximately 1,250 individuals, of which 53% were under the age of 25. Gang-related offenses included violent crime such as simple and aggravated assaults as well as drug-related offenses and weapons offenses. Juvenile crime this year consisted mostly of aggravated and simple assaults as well as motor vehicle thefts.

## 5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020



### Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020

#### Simple assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 23%
- Lowell decreased 43%

#### Robberies in...

- Massachusetts decreased 24%
- Lowell decreased 43%

#### Aggravated assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 22%
- Lowell decreased 37%

Information contained in this report is from funding applications, reports supplied by the site, MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, US Census, MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, and Office of Grants and Research / Research Policy and Analysis Division. Special thanks to the Statewide Research Partner, the Center on Crime and Community Resilience at Northeastern University, for preparing this brief.